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REQUEST FOR

## **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility of plant application filed prior to June 8  1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.			
1.		Submission required under CFR 1.114.	
	a.	<ul> <li>☑ Previously submitted</li> <li>i. ☑ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on <u>June 4, 2004</u></li> </ul>	
		(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)  ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
	b.	iii.	
		i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
	ſ	iv. \( \times \) Other <u>Petition for Extension of Time</u>	
2.		Miscellaneous	
	a.	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(I) required)	
	b.	Other	
3.		The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
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	b.	Deposit Account No. 50-0320.  ☐ Check in the amount of \$1190.00 is enclosed for the following:	
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	C.	iii. Other PTO-2038 enclosed)	
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